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18 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Security

SUBJECT : Project IDEALIST, Possible Security Compromise
Involving Newsweek Magazine

1. Attention is invited to the attached article which appeared in the "Periscope" section of the 22 May 1961 issue of Newsweek pertaining to classified Project IDEALIST (previously known as CHALICE) activities in support of JNARC.

2. To date this office has no indication as to whether the Newsweek article represents a security leak or only speculation. It is referred to the Office of Security, however, since you desire to initiate an inquiry as to whether in fact this is a leak of classified information.

3. In the event you desire such an investigation, the facilities of this office are at your disposal. This matter is being coordinated by this office with the Security Officer/MPIC.

Chief, Security Branch
DPD-DD/P

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Pentagon Whispers
Laughlin AFB, Texas - Nothing has been said,
but a U-2 photo plane - the same type that
did high-altitude reconnaissance over Russia-
flew over Cuba just before the abortive rebel
landings. The mission - one of the last from
this soon-to-be-closed base - gave the CIA a
set of near-perfect pictures of Cuban airfields
(and the planes on them) and military bases.

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